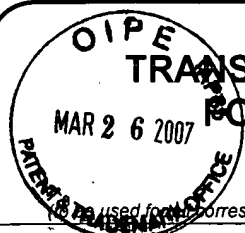
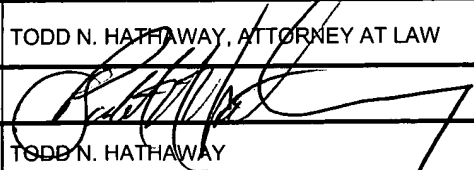


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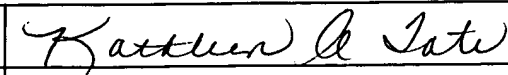
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.181(a)**

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Sir:

This is a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed 19 March 2007.

The reason given for the Notice of Abandonment was failure to respond to the Office Action dated 15 August 2006. However, Applicants timely filed an Amendment and Response to the Office Action, on 16 October 2006 (15 October being a Sunday). A copy of the Amendment as filed is enclosed herewith. Applicants therefore petition for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment.

In a telephone conference with Examiner Brittain on 23 March 2007, the Examiner explained that the Amendment and Response had apparently been routed to another Examiner and he did not receive it. He therefore issued the Notice of Abandonment. Examiner Brittain recommended that Applicants file the present Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment.

Under 37 CFR §1.8(b), we enclose *prima facie* evidence of the date of filing, namely a copy of the Transmittal Form with the Certificate of Mailing dated 16 October 2006, a copy of the Express Mail Certificate No. EV832377807US showing the date accepted as 16 October 2006 and a copy of the return receipt postcard stamped by the USPTO as received on 16 October

2006. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and the Amendment and Response originally filed on 16 October 2006 be entered into the record.

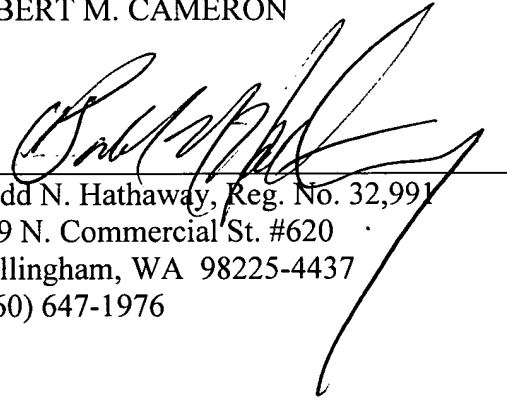
If there is any matter that can be expedited by consultation with Applicants' attorney, such would be welcome. Applicants' attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number given below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this 23rd day of March 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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